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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball:

I write to request that our organization be considered while conducting the Environmental Impact Study in relation to the Canadian National's proposal to increase the trains through Frankfort (Illinois) from 6 to 28 per day. It is my understanding that those conducting the study are aware of the residents located along the railroad but that they may not be aware of our organization, Camp Manitoqua & Retreat Center.

Because of the changes associated with the CN proposal, I would like to briefly explain the nature of our business and how the increase in train traffic may adversely affect our business. Camp Manitoqua is a 12-month operation located on 65 acres of which 994 meters run along the railroad line in which CN will be running trains. In the summer months, we average 500 youth campers on our grounds each weekday participating in outdoor-based programs. In addition to this program, our facilities are available for rental and outdoor education programs by groups ranging in size from 15 - 400. The groups utilize our organization to find a "quiet reprieve from the hectic pace of everyday life" (quoted from our camp's Mission Statement).

We anticipate that the changes in the use of the railroad located along our property could adversely affect our business as follows:

Additional runs through the area will increase the noise pollution and interruptions of our programs, i.e., our ropes course, located only 100 feet from the tracks, will receive noticeably increased verbal interruptions from passing trains increasing the risk of injury in an industry that relies on verbal commands during operation. Participants on the course could feasibly decide to choose a different organization if their experience includes repeated interruptions during their program.

Surface Transportation Board We have 4 railroad crossings on this track within 3 miles (all within 1 mile) of our CN-EJ&E EIS - FD-35087 organization which could affect the traffic flow to our business. If our guests begin to feel that Log and Distribution we are not an accessible organization, they will choose a different location for their campers or Date Rcvd: _____ retreat _____ HDR File No: _____ Most importantly, we are concerned with exposing our 24,000 annual guests and _____ campers to increased hazardous material. This increased liability threatens our integrity as a Scanned (Initial): _____ safe environment for those individuals on our grounds.

STA ECT #: _____
Cc: Original - Job File

Please share this information with those conducting the study and our request to study the impact that the increase in train traffic will have on our business at Camp Manitouqua & Retreat Center.

Sincerely,



Laura Vroom
Executive Director

cc: Jim Holland, Mayor of Frankfort
Jerry Ducay, Village of Frankfort